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PASS FOR EMBASSY, USRO, STOESSEL AND FINN

EARLY MORNING AUG 13 EAST GERMAN REGIME INTRODUCED DRASTIC
CONTROL MEASURES WHICH HAVE EFFECT OF PREVENTING ENTRY INTO
WEST BERLIN OF SOVZONE AND EAST BERLIN RESIDENTS. THREE
DECREES WERE ISSUED BY REGIME, ACCOMPANIED BY GDR COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS RESOLUTION BASING DECREES ON DECLARATION
WARSAW PACT GOVERNMENTS WHICH REQUESTS THAT GDR TAKE SUCH
ACTION. MISSION OBSERVERS ASCERTAINED EARLY MORNING HOURS
SUN, AUG 13 THAT CONTROL MEASURES WERE BEING IMPLEMENTED.

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EVIDENTLY AS A RESULT OF INCREASED REFUGEE FLOW WITH ATTENDANT
ECONOMIC LOSS TO GDR AND PRESTIGE LOSS TO SOCIALIST CAMP,
EAST DECIDED AT RECENT MOSCOW CONFERENCE OF WARSAW PACT
COUNTRIES TO PROCEED WITH FAIR ACCOMPLISH WHICH WOULD DRASTI-
CALLY DISRUPT FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITHIN BERLIN AND ERECT
FRONTIER WITH RESPECT ENTRY INTO WEST BERLIN OF SOVZONE
AND EAST BERLIN RESIDENTS. IN THIS WAY EAST HAS NOW TAKEN
SOME OF THE STEPS WHICH IT HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED WOULD FOLLOW
FROM SEPARATE PEACE TREATY WITH GDR.

SUMMARY OF DECREES CONTAINED NEXT FOLLOWING MESSAGE.

ASSUME DEPT HAS RECEIVED BERLIN "CRITIC CHANNEL" MESSAGES
SENT EARLY THIS MORNING.

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